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MAJOR GENERAL DAVID P. RATA CZAK

Major General David P. Rataczak assumed the duties of The Adjutant General, Arizona National Guard on June 1, 1999. This assignment follows three years as Assistant Adjutant General, Army and then seven years as the Chief of Staff, Arizona Army National Guard.

His military education includes the U. S. Army Aviation School where he received instruction in various fixed and rotary wing aircraft; the Transportation Officer Basic Course, 1972; the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, 1979; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 1986; and the U.S. Army War College, 1995, where he served as class president.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1965. After completing Aviation training, he was assigned to the 334th Armed Helicopter Company, First Aviation Brigade in Vietnam where he flew over 900 combat hours. Upon his release from Active Duty in 1968, he was appointed as an officer in the Minnesota Army National Guard where he served as Aviation Safety Officer, Platoon Commander, and Company Commander. In 1982, he was transferred to the Arizona Army National Guard where he served as Aviation Operations Officer, Army Airfield Commander, State Aviation Officer, and Commander, 385th Aviation Group and Chief of Staff, Arizona Army National Guard. In 1996, he was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

His major awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal (with 37 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Master Army Aviator Badge, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

General Rataczak and his wife, Cheryll, reside in Phoenix, Arizona with their son, Chris. They also have a married daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Colorado.



EDUCATION:

Personnel Management for Executives
University of Minnesota – AA Degree
Western International University – BA Degree (Management)
Army War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

FROM	TO	ASSIGNMENT
1965		Basic Training
1965	1966	Flight School
1966	1967	Vietnam (Attack Pilot)
1967	1968	Instructor Pilot (Primary Flight Training)
1971	1973	Instructor Pilot, HHC 47 th Aviation BN 47 th Division
1973	1974	Section Leader, Co B 47 th Aviation BN
1974	1975	Training Officer, 47 th Aviation Battalion
1975		Intelligence Officer, 47 th Aviation Battalion
1975	1976	Aviation Safety Officer, 47 th Aviation Battalion
1976	1979	Platoon Commander, Co B 47 th Aviation Battalion
1979	1980	HHC Commander, 47 th Aviation Battalion
1980	1982	Company Commander, Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM), 47 th Aviation Battalion
1982	1983	Instructor Pilot – State Headquarters
1982	1983	Operations Officer – State Headquarters
1983	1985	Airfield Commander – State Headquarters
1985	1988	State Aviation Officer – State Headquarters
1988	1989	Commander, 385 th Aviation Group
1989	28 Feb 95	Chief of Staff – State Headquarters
1 Mar 95	03 Dec 96	Deputy STARC Commander
4 Dec 96	May 99	Assistant Adjutant General, Army
1 Jun 99	Present	The Adjutant General

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Distinguished Flying Cross
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Medal (with 37 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Master Army Aviator Badge
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
Army Service Ribbon
Vietnam Campaign Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Date</u>
Enlisted (E-5)	Army	15 Jan 65
Appointed Warrant Officer (WO-1)	Army	1 Feb 66
2LT	Army	1 Mar 67
1LT	Army	1 Mar 68
CPT	ARNGUS	1 Feb 73
MAJ	ARNGUS	25 Sep 80
LTC	ARNGUS	8 Nov 84
COL	ARNGUS	1 Jul 88
BG	ARNGUS	4 Dec 96
MG	ARNGUS	30 Mar 00

(Current as of May 2003)